



## NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing and Related Downlink Information

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## **Licensing Context**



- Protect U.S. national security concerns and foreign policy interests
- Advance critical aerospace and information technologies to support U.S. industrial base
- Promote job creation, economic growth, sustainable development, and improved living standards



## Legal/Policy Overview



- 1992 Land Remote Sensing Policy Act
- 1994 Presidential Decision Directive 23
- Fiscal Year 1997 National Defense Authorization Act
- August 30, 2000 Regulations (15 CFR Part 960)
- February 2000 Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix 2 to 15 CFR Part 960)
- June 2002 National Security Presidential Directive-15



## Licensing Consultations



- Department of Defense
- Department of State
- Department of Interior
- Intelligence Community
- White House
  - National Security Council
  - Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Department of Commerce
  - International Trade Administration
  - Technology Administration
  - Bureau of Industrial Security



## Licensing Actions



- Applications
- Amendments
- Significant Foreign Agreements
- Monitoring and Compliance



## Licensing History



- 18 Licenses Granted for 41 Satellites (more than \$2 billion in system investment)
- 36 License Amendments and 28 Foreign Partnerships (approximately \$800 million)
- General Licensing Thresholds

Panchromatic: 0.5 meters

Multispectral: 2.0 meters

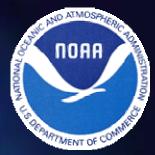
Hyperspectral: 8 meter product, 20 meter data

■ SAR: 3 meters

"Two-tier" Licensing Options



## General License Conditions



- Preserve U.S. national security concerns and foreign policy interests
- "Shutter Control" Limit imaging when national security and/or foreign policy may be compromised
- USG access to and use of data
- USG review of all significant foreign agreements
- Obligations for Data Provision to "Sensed States"
- Safe disposal of the satellite at end of mission
- Monitoring and compliance requirements
- Additional conditions for the most advanced systems



## U.S. Industry Status



- 3 Satellites Currently Operational
- 1 Launch Scheduled in the Coming Year
- 1 License Surrendered
- 3 Inactive Licenses Terminated





# DOWNLINK INFORMATION FOR CURRENT SYSTEMS





#### AstroVision's AVStar 1 and 2 Spacecraft Down Link Information

#### Narrowband Downlink:

Center frequency = 8371Mhz

Bandwidth = 10 kHz

Polarization = LHCP

Max. EIRP = -7.2 dBW

#### Wideband Downlink:

Center frequency = 8065 Mhz

Bandwidth = 80 MHz

Polarization = LHCP

Max. EIRP = 43.23 dBW

#### Wideband Downlink:

Center frequency = 8330 Mhz

Bandwidth = 80 MHz

Polarization = LHCP

Max. EIRP = 43.23 dBW





### DigitalGlobe Spacecraft Down Link Information

DigitalGlobe is currently only operating the QuickBird follow-on system.

The specification for the narrowband and wideband downlinks are:

#### Narrowband Downlink:

Center frequency = 8030.0 MHz Polarization = RHCP EIRP = 0 dBW peak

#### Wideband Downlink:

Center frequency = 8185.0 MHz Approximate bandwidth = 320 MHz Polarization = RHCP EIRP = 28 dBW peak





#### Space Imaging's IKONOS Spacecraft Down Link Information

#### Narrowband Downlink:

Center frequency = 8346.0 MHz

Bandwidth = 64 KHz

Polarization = RHCP

Max. EIRP = -7.2 dBW

#### Wideband Downlink:

Center frequency = 8185 Mhz

Bandwidth = 320 MHz

Polarization = RHCP

Max. EIRP = 30.8 dBW





## ORBIMAGE Spacecraft Down Link Information

| Spacecraft | Frequency                                                   | Data Rate                                                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OrbView-2  | L-band 1702.5 Mhz<br>L-band 1702.5 Mhz<br>S-band 2287.5 Mhz | 665.4 Kbps (Imagery)<br>57.6 Kbps (Telemetry)<br>2.0 Mbps (On-board Recorder) |
| OrbView-3  | X-band 8190.0 Mhz<br>UHF 401.5 Mhz                          | 150 Mbit (Imagery)<br>19.2 Kbit (Telemetry)                                   |



## For Further Information



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